

## ABSTRACT

A sharpener for pencils, and especially for pencils with a rotation-  
5 symmetrical cartridge or for pencils whose cartridge is arranged inside of a cartridge  
carrier, whose cross-section runs perpendicular to the length axis is non-hexagonal and  
non-circular, includes at least one housing, a cutting device that is connected with the  
housing, a holding device for the pencil that is at least partially contained in the housing,  
and a force feed device which guides the holding device along a pre-determined  
10 movement path in the housing.